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TO AMEMBASSY MADRID

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S REPLY TO NEW SPANISH AMBASSADOR AT
CREDENTIALS CEREMONY.

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF SUBSTANTIVE PARAGRAPHS OF PRESI-
DENT'S REPLY TO REMARKS OF AMBASSADOR ALBA AT CREDENTIALS
CEREMONY AUGUST 19:

2. QUOTE. FOR OVER TWENTY YEARS THE RELATIONS OF THE UNITED
STATES AND SPAIN HAVE BEEN BUILT UPON THE PILLARS OF
FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL RESPECT. THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND SPAIN REFLECTS THE CLOSE TIES
THAT BIND OUR COUNTRIES TOGETHER. THE DECLARATION PROVIDES
THE FRAMEWORK FOR THE CONTINUATION OF OUR MUTUAL DEFENSE
EFFORTS AND SETS THE STAGE FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE AGREE-
MENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO
NATIONS. THESE MUTUAL DEFENSE EFFORTS ARE VITAL TO THE
SECURITY OF OUR TWO NATIONS AND COMPLEMENTARY TO THE EX-
ISTING SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS IN THE ATLANTIC AND
MEDITERRANEAN AREA.

3. FURTHERMORE, OUR COOPERATION WILL CONTINUE TO BE
EXTENDED NOT ONLY IN THE SECURITY FIELD, BUT IN THE ECONOMIC
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MUTUAL BENEFIT OF BOTH OF OUR COUNTRIES. WE INTEND ALSO
TO SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE CLOSER SPANISH TIES WITH THE
WESTERN EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, BEING CONVINCED THAT THE
PROSPERITY AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE WESTERN WORLD MUST COME
ABOUT THROUGH THE COOPERATION OF ALL FREE NATIONS. END
QUOTE.

4. FULL TEXT OF REPLY BEING POUCHED. KISSINGER

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